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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS VALUATION OF GOODS, CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL

1. AT ITS 43RD/44TH SESSIONS, THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE CONVENTION ON THE VALUATION OF GOODS FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES (BRUSSELS DEFINITION OF VALUE) SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ALLOW ACCESSION ON AN F.O.B. BASIS AS WELL AS THE PRESENT C.I.F. BASIS. THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF TWO ALTERNATIVES PREPARED BY THE VALUATION COMMITTEE DURING ITS 1973/74 SESSIONS WHICH WOULD AMEND THE CONVENTION TO ALLOW THE ACCESSION OF COUNTRIES(SUCH AS THAT UNITED STATES) WHOSE VALUATION SYSTEMS PROVIDE THAT THE DUTIABLE VALUE SHOULD NOT INCLUDE THE COSTS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE DELIVERY OF GOODS FROM THE PORT OR PLACE OF EXPORTATION TO THE PORT OR PLACE OF IMPORTATION.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF WHICH OF THE TWO ALTERNATIVES SHOULD BE ADOPTED THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION PRESENT AND VOTING WERE EVENLY DIVIDED ON THEIR PREFERENCE FOR THE ONE WHICH WOULD ALLOW EXISTING AS WELL AS FUTURE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO HAVE THE OPTION

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TO VALUE ON THE F.O. B. BASIS FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES. IN

THE ABSENCE OF THE REQUIRED MAJORITY THE QUESTION OF THE
F.O.B. OPTION FOR EXISTING CONTRACTING PARTIES WAS
REFERRED FOR FURTHER STUDY BY THE VALUATION COMMITTEE.

3. THE COUNCIL THEN ADOPTED THE TEXT OF THAT RECOMMENDATION AND
PROTOCOL WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ACCESSION ON EITHER AN
F.O. B. OR C.I. F. BASIS TO FUTURE CONTRACTING PARTIES.
THIS WILL BE CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES OF THE CONVENTION.
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